Monarchak Thermal Power Project in Tripura

850. SHRI MATILAL SARKAR: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) the steps taken so far by the Government to set up thermal power project at Monarchak in Tripura;

(b) the present position of the project and the amount sanctioned for the project; and

(c) by when the project will be commissioned?

THE MINISTER OF POWER (SHRI P.M. SAYEED): (a) and (b) All the statutory clearances including the Techno-Economic Clearance for the setting up of Monarchak Gas Based Project in Tripura (280 MW) have been obtained. The Public investment Board in its meeting held on 7.5.2004 has considered and recommended the investment approval at a cost of Rs. 900.71 crores including IDC at February, 2004 price level.

(c) the project has been proposed to be installed within the Ten Five Year Plan. The first Gas Turbine is scheduled to be commissioned within 22 months from the date of placement of order and the last Steam Turbine within 32 months.

Funds for the Power project in Kerala

851. SHRI N.K. PREMACHANDRAN: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government of Kerala has sought funds for the power projects in Kerala;

(b) if so, the details thereof and whether Government propose to allot funds, requested for;

(c) whether Government propose to allow private investments in the power sector;

(d) whether any such proposal received from the Government of Kerala is pending for sanction; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF POWER (SHRI P.M. SAYEED): (a) and (b) Planning Commission has not received any request from Government of Kerala for grant of any additional funds for specific power generation projects in Kerala.